

Application Serial No. 10/802,218
Reply to Office Action of April 2, 2007

PATENT
Docket: CU-3588

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office action mailed April 2, 2007, claims 1-2, 4-6 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,820,305 to Albert. Claims 3 and 7-8 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but allowable if they were to be re-written to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claim rejections were made final.


In response to the office action, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3, which was determined to be allowable if it were to be re-written to include all of the limitations of the base claim, i.e., claim 1. By amending claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

The applicant asks that this amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. §116, which permits entry of an amendment after a final rejection if the amendment cancels claims and corrects matters of form. Since this amendment cancels claim 3 and corrects the form of claim so as to make claim 1 allowable, this amendment should be entered under Rule 116. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4-10 will be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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